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1. FOLLWOING IS TEXT APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFMIN RICHARDSON CONTRARY TO INFORMATION CITED REFTEL, FINAL APPROVAL HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY MOT MINISTER LANG, BUT EXTAFF EXPECTS IT MOMENTARILY. SINCE LANG APPROVAL NOT YET RECEIVED, HOWEVER, GOC DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE TEXT UNTIL JAN 27.

2. QUOTE: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE ALLAN J. MACEACHEN, TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO A REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO RETAIN A SMALL MILITARY UNIT AT GOOSE BAY WHEN THE USAF STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND WING THERE IS WITHDRAWN LATER THIS YEAR. THE ROLE OF THIS NEW USAF UNIT WILL BE TO MAINTAIN AIRCRAFT SERVICING AND FUELLING FACILITIES FOR DAY TO DAY TRANSIT USE AND TO SUPPORT NATO/NORAD ACTIVITIES IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY. THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS TO GOVERN THE PRESENCE OF THIS UNIT WILL BE SET OUT IN AN AGREEMENT TO BE WORKED OUT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED AGENCIES OF THE TWO

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GOVERNMENTS.

3. " IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE NEW UNIT AT GOOSE BAY
WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT TEN USAF PERSONNEL AND THAT THE
MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MET BY A CIVILIAN
CONTRACTOR. THE CONTRACTOR MAY EMPLOY
APPROXIMATELY 50-100 CANADIAN CIVILIANS TO PERFORM
SUCH TASKS AS AIRCRAFT SERVICING, ENROUTE MAINTENANCE,
TANK FARM AND REFUELLING SYTEM MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY
SUPPORT. DETAILS OF THE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL
BE DETERMINED OVER THE COMING MONTHS. OTHER SERVICES
REQUIRED WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS AT GOOSE BAY, I.E. THE MINISTRY OF TRANS-
PORT, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE DEPARTMENT
OF NATIONAL DEFENCE. END QUOTE.
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